

**CLARK COUNTY  
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION  
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, June 20, 2001  
6:00 – 6:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department  
Conference Room  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, Washington

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**Call to Order**

*Roll Call:*

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen,  
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clark County Clean Water Commission Member Absent

Robbie Agard

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, and Earl Rowell

Facilitator

Vaughn Brown, Jeanne Lawson Associates

*Introduction:*

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and facilitator, were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

*Agenda and material review:*

The material for tonight's meeting include:

1. 06/20/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda;
2. 06/06/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes;
3. 06/06/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Notes;
- 3A. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals and Measurable Activities Draft 05/16/01;
- 3B. Clark County Clean Water Commission Performance Measures Draft 06/01;
4. Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001 edition of The Daily Insider, Southern Washington Edition;
5. News Release, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2001, Clark County Clean Water Program fee yields positive changes and results.
  - \* Cleaning up our Water, Clean Water Program household tips billing insert;
  - \* Cleaning up our Water, Clean Water Program What's new as a result of the clean water fee;
6. Clark County Treasurer sample of a delinquent Clean Water Fee billing;
- 6A. Clark County Clean Water Program sample billing;
7. Cleaning up our Water – Clean Water Program sample flyer for neighborhood associations;
8. 5/22/01 Memo from Clark County Public Information Office;

9. Planning for the Future: Endangered Species Act & Stormwater Workshop June 26, 2001;
10. General Monitoring Schedule – For Illustrative Purposes Only;
11. Conceptual – Water Quality Testing chart I and;
- 11A. Conceptual – Poor Water Quality chart II

*6/06/01 notes:*

The notes from the 6/06/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting were approved as written.

*Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies:*

Mr. Kemper: CVTV interviewed Earl and myself regarding the Clean Water Program, CVTV was also going to try and contact Virginia VanBreeman to get a public perspective on how to be involved in the Clean Water Program. Earl was also on KVAN radio.

Mr. Rowell: I had an opportunity to talk about the clean water program hoping to answer some of the frequently asked questions such as:

- Why are we paying this fee?
- What are the end results?
- Where is the money coming from?
- Where is it being spent?

Mr. Rowell: Additionally a press release went out to the media, Brian Carlson spoke to the Columbian, and I spoke to the Oregonian.

Mr. Rowell suggested that the Clean Water Commissioners call the Reflector and let them know that the Clean Water Bills were being mailed, and to tell them about the various activities of this program.

Mr. Kemper: Cal do you want to call the Battle Ground Reflector?

Mr. Ek: Do you want me to encourage them to do a feature?

Mr. Kemper: Yes, touch base with the Battle Ground Reflector. Once the bills go out we should be seeing articles in the editorial pages.

Mr. Rowell: The clean water fee calls started coming in yesterday and as of noon today we have received approximately 70 calls.

Mr. Ek: There were two inserts with the billing, is there one that is preferred over the other?

Mr. Rowell: One contains general information about the program. The other is a list of household hints to keep the water clean.

Mr. Ek: Who is the author of these inserts?

Mr. Rowell: Clark County Public Information Office.

Mr. Stubbs: I still think that we are giving out more information than is necessary. I read the whole thing and even though everything in it is pertinent, by the time you get half way through it you start skimming the rest or you don't finish reading the material.

Mr. Kemper: It looks as though you were able to list what is happening and what their clean water fee is paying for.

Mr. Kemper: When is the PIO office looking at distributing the neighborhood flyers?

Mr. Rowell: The flyer should be released soon.

Mr. Rowell: There is an opportunity to learn more about stormwater management through a presentation at Battle Ground High School on Thursday June 26, 2001. The ESA program sponsors this presentation.

Mr. Bourlet: Does the County have a geologist on staff?

Mr. Rowell: Rod Swanson is a geologist.

Mr. Kemper: Can you tell us more about the monitoring schedule included in our packet of material?

Mr. Rowell: This schedule provides some information about the different aspects of the monitoring program. Over the next year we are looking into performing some long term and monthly sampling. We will be sampling at different times of the year, and sampling what comes out of the storm water system. We are also looking at coordination with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Bourlet: Does Clark County PUD share their information with your department?

Mr. Giese: It's on their Web Page.

Mr. Stubbs: There is no central area that all this information goes into?

Mr. Rowell: That is one of the areas we are working on.

Mr. Bourlet: I would think that the Board of Clark County Commissioners would need to take the lead in having all the agencies that are testing work together to gather data and have the data available for everyone.

Mr. Rowell: As a Commission, you can invite the representatives from these different agencies to gather and talk about this issue.

Mr. Bourlet: I do not have a problem doing that, but I think that as a Commission we would want to ask the Board of County Commissioners for their support.

Mr. Steinke provided some information, from the Scientific Journal, to the Clean Water Commissioners regarding the dangers of lead.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Kemper adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Looking Ahead**

July 31, 2001: Clean Water Fee bills due.

September: Begin work on 2003-2004 budget

September: Begin/revisit looking at the process for developing the Annual report and Modifications to the ordinance.

*Respectfully submitted by Kelli Frost*

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